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Ash Wednesday & Lent February 2011

This Lenten Season, we will be looking at the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the Gospel of St. Matthew under the theme, **“Not Our Plan – HIS PLAN.”** Under this theme we will together be looking at chapters 26 and 27 of the Gospel of St. Matthew.

The Season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd**. **We will begin our commemoration of this most holy season with the Divine Service of the Word and Holy Communion at both 9am and 7pm.** The Imposition of Ashes will also be offered for those who desire. The ashes used are made from the burning of the palms from last year’s Palm Sunday Worship Service. Many people put their palms from Palm Sunday in their home behind a crucifix or a picture of Jesus. Those palms can then be brought to the church where the pastor burns them and uses them for the ashes on Ash Wednesday the next year.

Ash Wednesday reminds us of our sin and of Jesus the Savior bearing the sin for us in His sinless life and innocent sufferings and death, atoning for it and restoring us to God. The 40 days of Lent recall the 40 years of the People of Israel wandering in the wilderness and the 40 days of our Lord Jesus being in the wilderness, being tempted by Satan. The 40 days of Lent are a call to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. They are a call to put away anything that would separate us from God and, as we sing in the verse for Lent, *“Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”* Repentance is not a bad thing. As we have been hearing in the Holy Gospel readings from St. Mark, repentance was the content of Jesus’ preaching, *“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.”*

The call to repentance is nothing less than a call to return to God through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not God scolding you for all of your sins (although He has a perfect right to do so). Rather, the call to repentance is God reaching out to you in love – inviting you to turn away from sin – and to return to Him. Sin separates you from God. Sin destroys. Sin kills. Sin would rightly put you in hell. But thanks be to God – in Jesus Christ He was won you back from sin and He continually calls you back to Himself. That is true repentance and that is what we rejoice in during Lent. Please join your church family here for all of these special Lenten Service **(Wednesdays 9am and 7pm)** culminating in the holiest part of the Church Year – Passion Week.

Please also note the following information, which is presented for your benefit and for better pastoral care here at Gloria Dei.

When to Call the Pastor

God sends men into the Office of the Ministry so that **His Word and Sacraments can be brought to the people of God in every time of need.** Sometimes when people call the pastor, they begin the conversation by saying something like, *“I know you’re busy, Pastor...”* The fact of the matter is that your pastor is only busy if people let me know what is going on in their lives so that I can fulfill my Calling of bringing the Word of God and His Holy Sacrament to God’s people in every time of need.

So please do not delay and please do not think, *“The Pastor is too busy to come or to be bothered by my problem.”* Call the Pastor! For example:

- ✓ When you or someone else is sick or undergoing surgery – call the pastor.
- ✓ If you are having problems at school – call the pastor.
- ✓ If you are facing difficult temptations or trials – call the pastor.
- ✓ If you are diagnosed with an illness – call the pastor.
- ✓ At the first sign of marital problems – call the pastor.
- ✓ If you are expecting a child or just had a baby – call the pastor.
- ✓ If you are suffering from infertility or suffer a miscarriage – call the pastor.
- ✓ If someone is near death – call the pastor.
- ✓ If someone dies (before you make any other plans!) – call the pastor.
- ✓ If you experience loss and grief through death – call the pastor.
- ✓ If you can't make it to church for any reason – call the pastor.

In short – keep the pastor informed of what's going on in your life so that he can bring God's wisdom and peace through His Word rather than the world’s false wisdom to the struggles you are facing.

One of the reasons to be part of a local congregation (besides the command of Christ, and the necessity receiving the Sacrament and hearing the Word) is to be able to receive pastoral care. One of the blessings of being in a congregation is the ability to receive pastoral care from one's actual pastor. Please make use of that blessing.

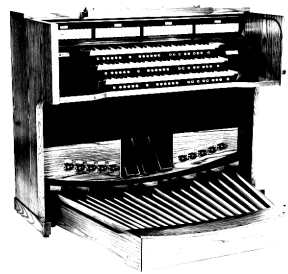
Blessed Ash Wednesday and Holy Lent,

Pastor Steven. J. Anderson †

Organ Concert
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
5259 S. Major Avenue
Sunday
February 12, 2012
with
Dr. Steven Wentz
Concordia University, River Forest

On Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2012, at 4 pm Gloria Dei members and friends will have a very special opportunity. At that time, Dr. Steven Wentz, well-known organist, will present a concert on our new Rodgers Allegiant organ. As you know, our new organ was installed over the summer and we have been enjoying it greatly ever since!

A reception will be held following the concert. Invite your family and friends for this very special concert.



More information about Dr. Wentz

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Department Chair

Dr. Wentz teaches applied organ, music history and church music. In addition, he serves as department chair and coordinator for the graduate music programs. Among his research interests are organ music from the baroque period and the role of music in the liturgy.

He has performed numerous organ recitals and presented workshops and hymn festivals. Additionally, Dr. Wentz contributed to *Key Words in Church Music* and *Thine the Amen: Essays on Lutheran Church Music in Honor of Carl Schalk*. He

Degrees

- DMus, organ performance, Northwestern University; Evanston, Ill.
- MCM, church music, Concordia University Chicago; River Forest, Ill.
- BA, education, Concordia University Chicago; River Forest, Ill.

Academic and Professional Highlights

Performances:

- Service organist, ALCM biennial conference, 2009.
- Workshop on organ music of Felix Mendelssohn and recital, St. John's, Monnett, Mo., 2009.
- "Pipe Organ Encounters," American Guild of Organists, 2009.
- Service organist, Institute of Liturgical Studies, 2008.
- Dedication recitals, St. John Lutheran, Sycamore, Ill., 2007.
- Dedication recitals, Redeemer Lutheran, Peoria, Ill., 2006.
- Service organist, Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music, 2005.
- "Pipe Organ Encounters," American Guild of Organists, 2004.
- Service organist, Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music, 2002.



Steward Stories

"...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31)

LOVING BY SPIRIT-LED GIVING

In February, the secular world celebrates Valentine's Day. We will be asked to show our love by giving – giving cards, candy, jewelry, etc. The message seems to be that giving is the sign of our love. As Christian stewards, this message is Biblically accurate! God shows us what true love looks like:

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:10-11 NKJV)

Last month, we were asked to make serving a priority in our lives. Led by the Holy Spirit, we respond to God's perfect love by loving others. This love shows itself in service to others.

As a congregation, we show our love by sharing God's love to those in our community and in the world. This includes proclaiming and sharing the Gospel through our worship services, through Bible classes, through our Christian day school, through visits to the lonely and sick, through encouragement to those experiencing difficult times. It should also include generously supporting our District and Synod.

As a member of Gloria Dei, you make the choice about supporting your congregation and its work. If you hold back and hoard your time, talents, and money, our mission and ministry will suffer. If, however, you are willing to be led by the Holy Spirit to sacrificially give as God gives to you, God will bless our church and its ministries. We will surpass our budget, and we will be a blessing to others.

May the Holy Spirit lead you to show your love to Him by serving others and bearing fruit here at Gloria Dei with your time, talents, and money.

Your Board of Stewardship

Read more about Christian love this month by reading all of 1 John 4 and 1 Corinthians 13.

The above is based on materials provided by Stewardship Advisors.

Lent 2012

**Theme:: Not Our Plans—HIS Plan
From Matthew's Passion Narrative
Matthew 26:1–28:10**

**Ash Wednesday 9am & 7pm
Imposition of Ashes
Holy Communion**

**Midweek Wednesday Pulpit Exchange
9am & 7pm
February 29
March 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Watch your Sunday bulletins for further
details.**



Sunday Divine Service
9:30am

Bible Class
8:15 am

Chapel
Wednesday
9am

Voters Meeting
February 27

Open House &
Social Studies Fair
February 14

Julie's Exercise Class
Monday: 9am & 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Thursday: 9am



Organ Concert
February 12, 4:00pm

Ash Wednesday
February 22
Worship

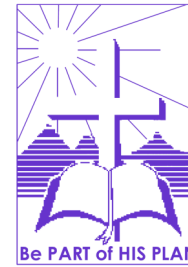
Imposition of Ashes+ Holy Communion
9:00 am & 7:00 pm Worship

Ladies Society
Meeting
February 9

Market Day
February 15



Candlelight
Bowl
February 18



PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Please be a Partner in Prayer this month by daily praying:

- "My gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me Your Holy Spirit. Help me not to turn a deaf ear to Your call to be Your faithful steward. Replace my reluctance to give with a heart filled with thanks for the many blessings You have given me and with a heart filled with joy for the many opportunities You have provided to share Your love with others through the sacrificial giving of my time, talents, and money. In the empowering name of Christ I pray. Amen."
- for those people listed in our weekly bulletin;
- for people to grow spiritually by regularly worshiping every Sunday;
- for members to cheerfully fulfill their commitments of time, talents, and money they made to You for this year so we can exceed our budget and fill every vacant opening on our Church Council and special committees;
- for our pastor, teachers, staff, and students;
- for our Board of Elders;
- for our synodical and government leaders;
- for God to use this year's stewardship focus, **BEARING FRUIT FOR JESUS**, to help people grow in their faith and live their lives fully for Him.

OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

* Chairperson

CONGREGATION CHAIRMAN:

VICE- CHAIRMAN: Scott Schilling

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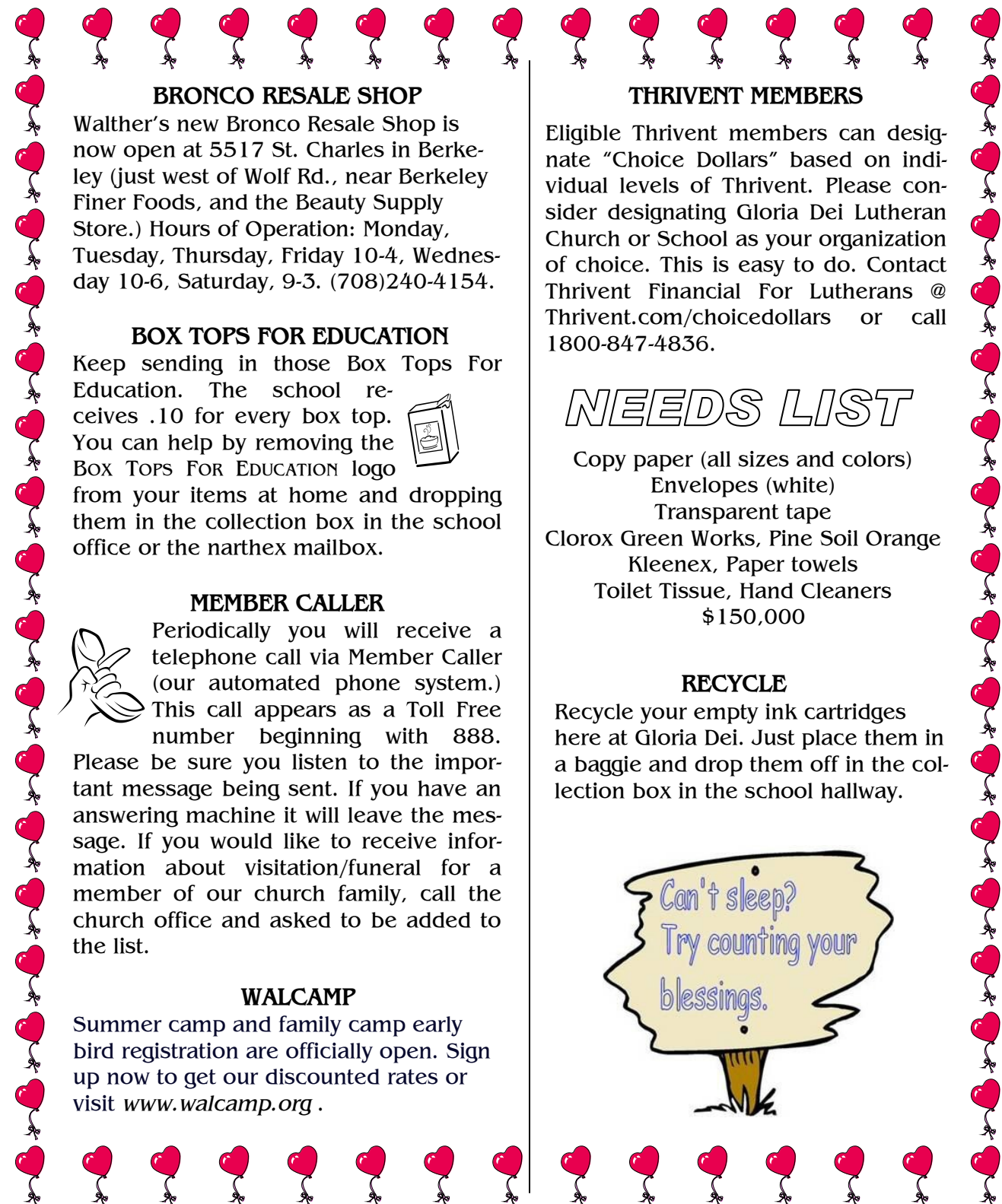
Have you ever considered being a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Bill Wrede from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Concordia University, 7400 Augusta Street, River Forest, IL, on Friday, February 3rd, from 11am—8pm. Rev. Wrede is interested in meeting with prospective seminary students of all ages-elementary school age through adults who are already employed in another vocation. Reservations are not necessary, but encouraged. Please call 708-209-3502 or contact Rev. Wrede at wredeb@csl.edu

SCHEDULE OF SERVING FEBRUARY & MARCH 2012

<i>February</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Elder/Assistant</i>	<i>Crew</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Organist</i>
5	9:30am	T.Hartwig	2	L.Barajaz	L. Mantegna	S.Voight
12	9:30am	D.Voight	3	C.Montonera	E. Gall	S.Voight
19	9:30am	N.May	4	K.Chambers	R & G Sandrik	D.Anderson
22 Ash Wednesday	9am 7pm	S.Schilling/J.Moritz D.Sedory	1			S.Voight
26	9:30am	J.Misovic	2	L.Barajaz	R & E Krause	S.Voight
29 Midweek	9am 7pm	S.Schilling/J.Moritz Ray Krause				S.Voight
<i>March</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Elder/Assistant</i>	<i>Crew</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Organist</i>
4	9:30am	J.Mortiz	3	C.Montonera	E. Gall	S.Voight
7	9am 7pm	S.Schilling/J.Moritz J.Misovic				S.Voight
11	9:30am	D. Sedory	4	K.Chambers	J.Maitzen	S.Voight
14	9am 7pm	S.Schilling/J.Moritz Ray Krause				S.Voight
18	9:30am	S. Schilling	1	L.Barajaz	R & E Krause	D.Anderson
21	9am 7pm	S.Schilling/J.Moritz T.Hartwig				S.Voight
25	9:30am	D.Voight	2	K.Chambers	L.Mantegna	S.Voight
28	9am 7pm	S.Schilling/J.Moritz Ray Krause				S.Voight

CREWS

- 1 Luke Barajaz, Matthew Baltazar, Joy Baltazar, Gary Broenneke,
- 2 Robert Carstens, James Cieply, John Moore, Brittany Schuld, Donald Voight
- 3 Christopher Arroyo, Luke Barajaz, Elizabeth Gall, Lynda Montonera
- 4 Douglas Lessentien, John Maciejewski Sr., Richard Sandrik



BRONCO RESALE SHOP

Walther's new Bronco Resale Shop is now open at 5517 St. Charles in Berkeley (just west of Wolf Rd., near Berkeley Finer Foods, and the Beauty Supply Store.) Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10-4, Wednesday 10-6, Saturday, 9-3. (708)240-4154.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Keep sending in those Box Tops For Education. The school receives .10 for every box top. You can help by removing the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION logo from your items at home and dropping them in the collection box in the school office or the narthex mailbox.



MEMBER CALLER

Periodically you will receive a telephone call via Member Caller (our automated phone system.) This call appears as a Toll Free number beginning with 888. Please be sure you listen to the important message being sent. If you have an answering machine it will leave the message. If you would like to receive information about visitation/funeral for a member of our church family, call the church office and asked to be added to the list.



WALCAMP

Summer camp and family camp early bird registration are officially open. Sign up now to get our discounted rates or visit www.walcamp.org.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Eligible Thrivent members can designate "Choice Dollars" based on individual levels of Thrivent. Please consider designating Gloria Dei Lutheran Church or School as your organization of choice. This is easy to do. Contact Thrivent Financial For Lutherans @ Thrivent.com/choicedollars or call 1800-847-4836.

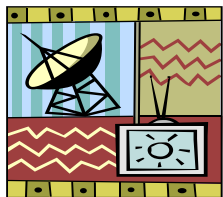
NEEDS LIST

- Copy paper (all sizes and colors)
- Envelopes (white)
- Transparent tape
- Clorox Green Works, Pine Sol Orange
- Kleenex, Paper towels
- Toilet Tissue, Hand Cleaners
- \$150,000

RECYCLE

Recycle your empty ink cartridges here at Gloria Dei. Just place them in a baggie and drop them off in the collection box in the school hallway.





The Lutheran Hour

Sundays 6AM
WGN radio 720AM
www.lutheranhour.org

February 5: "God Is Faithful. Get Busy And Wait On The Lord"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
We can wait on God-joyfully, expectantly, hopefully-because we can trust Him.
(Isaiah 40:28-31)

February 12: "You Can't Muzzle True Joy"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Joy is rooted in a relationship with God. You can't muzzle joy when that joy is connected to Jesus. (Mark 1:40-45)

February 19: "A Resurrection Glimpse to Empower Your Faith"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Can you fathom what it means that it required the sacrifice of God's own Son in order that you might live, forgiven and redeemed? (Mark 9:2-11)

February 26: "Info coming soon!"

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

11:30am (Sundays) on the Total Living Network (TLN – Cable 138)
DirecTV (TCT Total Christian TV)

For more information, you can call toll free 1-888-286-8002 or go to their Website:

www.worshipforshutins.org

Lutheran Ministries Media
5 Martin Luther Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825-4996.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Margareth Behm
Emily Brower
Debbie Cieply
Debra Falittie
Donald Kratz
Martha Leno
Florence Lessentien
Edna Lindgren
Mary Ellen Loewe
Beatrice Miller
Gordon Newman
Hazel Noyes
Siri O'Sullivan
Ethel Panush
Claudia Schultz
Pauline Schultz
Carol Waltemath
Dorothy Whitecoe



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Confessing the Christian Faith Cultivating the Intellect Refining the Character
Mr. Scott Schilling, Principal (773-581-5259) www.gloryofgodlutherschool.org

PTL Board Members

President: Mrs. Kristen Zawila-Miller
Vice-President: Mrs. SherriLynn Smith
Treasurer: Mrs. Carol Barajaz

Gloria Dei Lutheran School observes Lutheran Schools Week, February 12—February 18. Pray for Gloria Dei and all Lutheran Schools.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

1	Chapel	9am
8	Chapel	9am
10	Market Day Orders Due	
13	<i>Pajama Day</i>	
13	McDonald's Benefit Night	4-8pm
14	<i>Sports Day</i>	
	<i>Social Studies Fair/Open House</i>	6-8pm
15	Chapel	9am
	<i>Bring Someone Special Day</i>	
	<i>Early Dismissal</i>	1pm
	Market Day Pickup	2-3pm
16	<i>Patriotic Day/Teacher Appreciation Day</i>	
	CLEF Teacher Workshop	5pm
17	<i>Crazy Hat & Sock Day</i>	
	<i>Student Appreciation Day</i>	
	<i>Chris Fascione "Storyteller"</i>	1pm
18	Candlelight Bowl	9pm
20	NO School—President's Day	
21	Candy Sale Ends	
22	Ash Wednesday Worship (HC)	9am
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29	Chapel—Lent 2	9am

Achievement Tests

During the Month of February the teachers will be administering Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Students should get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast.

Candy Sale

World's Finest candy bars are on sale. \$1 each for milk chocolate or almond. Sale runs through February 21st. Your support is appreciated.



Come one, come all!

Upcoming Activities For All Members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and School

McDonald's Benefit Night

Benefit night continues at McDonald's (Archer & Normandy) on Monday, February 13. Gloria Dei School receives 20% of your purchase when you turn in your coupon.



Social Studies Fair—Open House

Mark Tuesday, February 14 on your calendar to visit Gloria Dei's Social Studies Fair from 6-8pm. Students in grades pre-k through 8th grade will be involved.

Chris Fascione "Storyteller" Friday, February 17th, 1:00pm

You'll be laughing out loud as nationally-known family entertainer Chris Fascione brings children's stories and classic literature to life with his high-spirited and innovative performances. Full of energy, humor and imagination, Chris creates colorful characters through his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling. A *Storytelling World* award winner, Chris brings out the kid in everyone, as adults and children alike have fun participating in the show.

Candlelight Bowl

Be sure to purchase your tickets for Candlelight Bowl, February 18, from 9pm-1pm at Forest Lanes in Lyons. A great evening is planned. \$20 per person, includes 3 games of bowling and food. Come out and enjoy the fellowship.